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QUALITY IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
MARCH 15, 2006  
MAINE EMS  
AUGUSTA, MAINE  
MINUTES

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IN ATTENDANCE: S. DIAZ, G. BROCKWAY, J. LEBRUN, R. PETRIE (ED. AND OPS REP), J. KAHL, J. LAHOOD, J. REGIS, J. MOORE, D. WHITE

Minutes

1. Review of February 2006 Minutes
2. Confidentiality: Diaz drafted a form per our last meeting, and Laura is reviewing. The top of the page has the language required to meet peer review process.
3. Mental Health QI: Kahl and Lebrun presented the QI data we requested in December regarding mental health runs. The numbers are quite varied but can be a large part of a service's business. We need to understand when the longer runs (greater than an hour) are occurring and whether this does pose a resource management issue. Then, can we look to the MDPB to advance (in concert with Maine ACEP and maybe MHA) the idea of prognosticating acuity and link this to emergent transfers? Again, we will look to link the time of day to length of time of transfer and to services. We will then see if we have clustering that would be amenable to looking at resource allocation. We did benchmark against cardiac runs to get a sense of the scope of the issue, but whether this is needed in further studies is not hard and fast.
4. Airway QI: Reviewed our phases document and note that this needs to go to Operations and Education. This is part of the collaborative focus and we do not give direction to those groups on their part. LeBrun queried how many have taken airway update, and Bradshaw will look into this. Diaz will distribute all this to this group.
5. 12 Lead QI: Looking to resend all we have done, and Diaz will do so. This group updated QI form which is attached. Excel sheet also updated as per attachment. Discussion around standardization of QI sheets, and Lahood volunteered to look at this. After, LeBrun and White will look to see if they can create dropdowns or other ease of use modifications. Petrie noted that Woodward had ideas about a central type data base—Bradshaw will follow-up.
6. Next Meeting April 19, 2006

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